

HOUSE RESOLUTION 361
By Kent

A RESOLUTION to commend Matthew Coleman for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Coleman is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Joe Kent; Mr. Coleman's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a patriotic American, Mr. Coleman valiantly served four years in the United States Navy thus joining with the ranks of the many brave men and women who have defended our Nation throughout U.S. history; during his intrepid tenure he visited twenty-seven countries; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coleman has also contributed his talents to our Nation through his employment with the United States Coast Guard and the Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, a student at University of Memphis, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Mr. Coleman has achieved outstanding academic success while participating in numerous extracurricular activities including the University of Memphis Young Republicans and the Shelby County Young Republicans; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his academic success, Mr. Coleman has proven himself to be a public minded citizen of the highest order as he has volunteered his time to numerous laudable organizations and events including the St. Jude's Annual Regatta Race at Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, his myriad accomplishments serve as a great source of pride for his parents, Irby Gene and Janice Coleman, his brother and sisters, his community, and his school; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Coleman brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2004 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2004 legislative session, Matthew Coleman has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coleman has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Matthew Coleman for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Joe Kent and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.